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## Arrivals.

December 25. CONQUEROR, British str., 317.  
Anderson, Haiphong 23rd Dec., Guo.  
m.—CHINESE.  
December 26. OCEAN, British steamer, 997.  
Jacques, Newcastle, N.S.W., 2nd Dec., and Cooktown 10th, General—Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.  
December 26. TELO, Portuguese gunboat, 300.  
Captain F. Amaral, Macao 20th Dec.  
December 27. FONTENAY, British ship, 634.  
Geo. B. Taylor, Bangkok 4th December.  
Rico.—CHINESE.  
December 27. YUNG-CHING, Chinese steamer,  
Gibson, Canton 25th Dec., Guo.  
m.—C. M. S. N. Co.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,  
DECEMBER 27th.  
Rajahanshwar, British str., for Bangkok.  
Yung-ching, Chinese steamer, for Amoy and  
Shanghai.  
General, British steamer, for Amoy.  
Name, British steamer, for East Coast.  
Chinchang, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
Phosphate, British steamer, for Yokohama.  
Andrea, German bark, for London.  
Decimus, British steamer, for Singapore and  
London.

## Departures.

December 27. ELLIOT, British brig, for  
Macao.  
December 27. ESMERALDA, British str., for  
Amoy.  
December 27. NORDEN, Danish steamer, for  
Saigon.  
December 27. CHINCLANG, British str., for  
Shanghai.

## Passengers.

ARRIVED.  
Per Ocean, str., from Newcastle, N.S.W.—  
Mr. and Mrs. Aspin, children and servants, and  
93 Chinese.  
Per Conqueror, str., from Haiphong—  
25 Chinese.  
Per Amoy, str., for Amoy—  
100 Chinese.  
Per First-class, str., for Tokohama—  
10 Chinese.  
Per Chinkiang, str., from Shanghai—  
20 Chinese.  
TO DEPART.  
Per Yung-ching, str., for Amoy, &c.—  
30 Chinese.  
Per Name, str., for East Coast—  
100 Chinese.  
Per First-class, str., for Tokohama—  
10 Chinese.  
Per Decimus, str., for Singapore, &c.—  
2 Cabin.

## Reports.

The British ship Fontenay reports left Bang-  
kok on 23rd December, and had strong winds  
and heavy N.E. en route.

The British steamer Conqueror reports left Haiphong on 23rd December, and had moderate  
winds and fine weather, until reaching the South Seas, when strong head  
winds and a heavy sea, between Manila and the  
Philippines, made it necessary to turn back.  
The steamer had a heavy N.E. wind and  
tremendous cross seas. On the 19th instant,  
passed the steamer Lysias near of Macao, and  
a steamer, supposed to be the Mecca, both  
bound South.

POOCHOW SHIPPING.

December 27. ARRIVED.  
15. United, German str., from Shanghai.  
16. Namoo, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
17. Hornet, British gun-boat, from Tamsui.  
18. Europa, British steamer, from Shanghai.  
19. Europa, British steamer, from Chinkiang.  
20. E. M. Muteb, British str., from Chinkiang.  
20. Deuchon, British str., from Shanghai.  
21. Lido, American steamer, for Macao.  
22. Name, British steamer, for Hongkong.  
23. Galatea, German steamer, for London.  
24. Europa, British steamer, for Shanghai.

## SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

December 27. ARRIVED.  
13. Taka, British steamer, from Tientsin.  
13. Hirado, British steamer, from Foochow.  
14. Name, Japanese str., from Nagasaki.  
14. Luan, British bark, from Nagasaki.  
14. Pantah, Chinese steamer, from Chinkiang.  
14. Shanghai, British steamer, from Haiphong.  
15. Gondoula, British str., from London.  
15. Vasto, German bark, from Nagasaki.  
16. Fire Queen, American str., from Haiphong.  
16. Apollo, British steamer, from Foochow.  
17. Wangan, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.  
17. Kien-ko, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
18. Chih, Chinese steamer, for Foochow.  
18. Plymouth Rock, Amer. str., for Foochow.  
18. Celates, German str., for London.  
18. Nevada, American steamer, for Nagasaki.  
18. Peleg, British steamer, for Kitakun.  
18. Paitah, Chinese steamer, for Foochow.  
18. Hirado, American steamer, for Haiphong.  
18. Stella, German bark, for London.  
18. Patriarch, British str., for Nagasaki.  
18. Shanghai, British steamer, for Kitakun.

## YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

December 27. ARRIVED.  
3. Hedin, Swedish bark, from Shanghai.  
10. Oceania, British str., from Hongkong.  
10. Tito, French steamer, from Foochow.  
10. Wangan, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.  
16. Bonnet, British steamer, from London.  
16. Dernay, British ship, from London.

## Departures.

12. Oceanic, British steamer, for San Francisco.  
12. Maloca, British steamer, for Hongkong.  
13. Tokio Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.

## SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

December 27. ARRIVED.  
1. Phoenix, British steamer, from Liverpool.  
5. Olinde, American bark, from New York.  
5. Empire, French steamer, from Batavia.  
5. London and Australia, and  
are prepared to grant Insurance on  
Current Premiums.

## HOLIDAY, WIGE & CO.

1866. Hongkong, 15th October, 1866.

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Hongkong Furniture Co.

J. M. G. U. D. P. S.

At 3 p.m.

New Year's Eve.

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(With Immediate Possession).  
THE PREMISES, No. 8, PRIMA, situated  
in the principal Messrs. GILLMAN & CO.  
Gas light and water laid on.  
Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
1704. Hongkong, 15th May, 1876.

## NOTICES.

FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWN  
on the Praya, Wan-chai.  
Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS.  
1458. Hongkong, 20th March, 1876.

## TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
HOUSES ON UPPER JACQUELINE TERRACE, At  
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1708. Swatow, 5th July, 1876.

## NOTICE.

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## EXTRACTS.

## THE AMBISTOLE.

The clouds are not the wintry mists above the frozen snows. And where crows both sit and park, and brood to and fro. The silent sentry only stands, his rifle at his head. The world is death, no more than the gitter of the trees. No more is heard the roll of drums, nor bugle's shrilling blast.

No more is heard the hoars command—the dir of War—in part.

The music of Antioch's glorious carts on all—On all but those who lie at rest beyond the trumpet-call.

So Park, and Sea, and earthy Russ, they stand, and hide in day.

How Godfathers and Teheran shall have the like away.

Which bird their heralds, decked in blood, and set them front to front?

Not will the pulses of the strings of battle bear the sound.

The Prince will sit his back from fair Avrora's shore.

Turkistan will wear the Craxie Dreamland as of yore.

And Belgrade claims Milan again, the feckle pupping King.

Until Christendom once more the battle cry shall ring.

"An Arrostico!" The audience vibrates with silent shame.

To send from East to West the like concealed, in such a name.

For while the lightning flashes on "A Tree," the darkness comes, and leaves a path to break the peace, fit spolt.

And Europe trembles, but the spark which now burns dull and low.

Should fan'd by diplomatic breaths, set all the world afire!

The pen is in each Statesman's hand, the sword in each mind.

And so a Mousch dare to give a feeling look behind.

A weary time! The Nations wait like greyhounds in hand.

As I noted the din of tongues, as surf breaks on the strand!

They mutter "Peace!" But there's no Peace when all

A truly bad time to make, time so before to-day!

Meanwhile the storm has half yet o'er the red and hazy sky.

The war-clouds rush, and through the air grim shadows hurry;

And the north, and nivis like phantoms over the sea.

And Russia's last astesias the East that "Asia must be fire."

—Whistful review.

## CENTRAL AFRICA.

A strange misconception comes as to the real climate of the equator, and may be easily corrected here. Rain and humidity are the chronic condition of the whole of Central Africa. The month of April alone affords a slight respite, during which time the heat is excessive, but the nights are always cold; the scarcity of wood, rendering the natives really miserable at night. During other months—incessant rain-fall, the days are damp and humid, but the nights are very cold. When, however, the sun breaks through the clouds its rays are almost imperceptible. On the east coast, on the equatorial line, the seasons are affected by the monsoon winds that blow north-east, and south-west, for the six months of the year—a dry wind and a wet wind. The former may be supported by the European, but the latter is the precursor of all disease, and especially of consumption, to which the native

Sahum is a victim.—From Central Africa: Naked Truths of Naked People, by Colonel G. C. Long.

## FAMILY STATUTES.

Cronaca is now adopted. An enterprising scientist has invented a process by which human bodies are turned into a marble-like substance called "carrara." In his prospectus, the enigma of the undecipherable events that by his method every house can become gradually embellished with statues of the deceased members, as durable as the stone, and a much better likeness. There is a wild and dreamy poetry about the idea, but the science has some little drawback, notwithstanding. It might be said, justly, pleasure of the householder to place his solidified mother-in-law on a pedestal in the entry—but how about the clothes? Obviously the dead departed would not look sufficiently classical in top-pal'k of the port, and besides the fashion might change, and set as it were, what crystallized form domestic丑闻 would appear grotesque, perched in the conventions for lead? The coquettish water pensively reclining on a lyre in the costume of the early Greeks would help furnish the library, but hardly command the respect of posterity; and, indeed, a maiden aunt, standing stily on her big toe, and chancing a premeditated buttock, would be anatomically inadequate to the situation, even if emboldened with blue streaks over the nose in imitation of the best Carrara marble.

## THE IMPERIAL RESIDENCE AT LIVADIA.

Livadia, the present residence of the Emperor of Russia, is an estate on the south-west coast of the Crimea, situated on a bay, and a half a town called Yalta, in the Government of Thaurida. Yalta is about 35 miles from Sevastopol, Livadia, which is placed on a crest of rocks running like a corral along the Black Sea, is a private estate belonging to the Empress. It was presented to her by the Czar a few years after their marriage, his Majesty having bought it from Count Potocki. The property has an extent of about four miles in diameter, and is crossed by the post road which starts from Sevastopol, where one sees at each extremity of that road pillars surmounted with the arms of her Majesty, who was as is known, a Princess of Hess. The house on it is exceedingly modest in style. Its construction dates from the commencement of the century; it is, in truth, only a copy in the Russo-Italian style, most of the pleasure residences around the estate, that is to say, built half in stone and wood. In the middle of the park is another house smaller than that of the Empress, which is reserved for the Czars.

THE SCIENCE OF KEEPING WELL.

Late hours, whether spent at home or abroad, do irreparable harm to the constitution. It is well both for mental and for bodily health to discontinue reading after ten at night. We are not believed in small hours or in wet towels and strong tea reading. This point of such work, if it is worth considering, is obtained at far too great a cost. As a good man, we believe to finish up the night's walk with an hour or an hour of relaxation. It is well to turn the brain engine into some siding, as we were before going to rest; otherwise it may continue its course on the old rails when it should be resting. Work once finished should be dismissed from the mind before going to bed; if not it often sleep just when the student needs it most. Every excess has its own merid effect—an effect which may be delayed, but which is nevertheless only too certain to appear in course of time. A too sedentary life often leads to indigestion, to loss of appetite, to headache, and to many other symptoms of unfeasted bodily energy. Late hours, especially if passed in heated rooms, frequently result in sleeplessness; but more often their effect is only seen in that bodily and mental flabbiness which is so common amongst tired readers. Excess is striking again not uncommonly leads to troublesome indigestion and to tremulousness. The bad effects of excess in drinking are too well known to require mention. Suffice it to say that with the single exception perhaps of opium eating, to which we have known some few medical students unusually addicted thereto is no habit which has such fatal and consequent intertemporality. Medical Examiner.

## ON HER DIGNITY.

They were fond of each other, very, and had been engaged. But they quarrelled, and were too proud to make it up. He called a few days ago at her father's house—to see the old gentleman, of course. She answered his ring at the door bell. Said he, "Ah! Miss—*you* believe, is your father within?" "No, sir," she replied. "Pa is not in at present. Did you wish to see him personally?" "Yes, Miss," was his blunt response, feeling that she was yielding, "for very particular personal business." And he proudly turned to go away. "I beg your pardon," she called out after him as he struck the lower step, "but what shall I call you?" He never smiled again.—Cincinnati Commercial.

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